(b) if so, the details thereof, with the time bound plans drawn up, if any, for each airport; and

(c) the details of major additional facilities proposed to be created at the international aiports to make them more customer friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Maintenance of various operational and passenger facilities at the airports is a continuous and ongoing process and is undertaken based on operational requiements. Some of the major schemes are—

Construction of new international passenger terminal Complex, connection of departure level of terminal-2 to visitor's lounge etc. at Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi;

Construction of new Domestic Terminal Complex, 4 Nos. remote parking bays, new taxi parking area, interim cargo FACT shed, Export Cargo Terminal, Widening of Flyover at Terminal-2, etc. at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai;

Construction of Integrated Cargo Complex, Modification of Terminal-2, Strengthening of runway, taxi track at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata;

Construction of Interim International Arrival Block, Extension of parallel taxi track, expansion of Administrative Building, Strengthening of runway etc. at Chennai International Airport, Chennai; and

Provision of aerobridges, strengthening of runway, standardisation of perimeter wall etc. at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Construction of new domestic terminal complex, rapid taxiway at Ahmedabad airport, extension and strengthening of runway, construction of integrated passenger terminal building, technical block at Amritsar airport, strengthening and extension of runway at Hyderabad airport are on going schemes.

Second International Airport Near Mumbai

1367. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to construct a second international airport in or adjacent to Mumbai;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) what is the current status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The techno-economic feasibility report prepared by the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO)) of Maharashtra for construction of a second international airport at Navi Mumbai is under examination.

Postponement of Fleet Acquisition of AI

1368. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board of Air India has postponed its decision on fleet acquisition due to lack of time;

(b) whether some urgency and importance needs to be given to this longstanding case considering the fact that the decision has been pending for over ten years now; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking on tne fleet modernisation of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Board of Air India in its meeting held on 12.12.2001 set up an Expert Committee to develop Air India fleet plans for next five years. This committee submitted an interim report to the Management, which was examined by the Sub-Committee of the Board of Air India. The Board of Air India accepted the recommendations of the Sub-Committee and authorised the Management to proceed with the formation of a separate Technical Committee to finalise ground rules and other requirements for inviting competitive bids. This Technical committee has now submitted its report and further action is being taken for inviting bids.

Development of Visakhapatnam Airport

1369. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop Visakhapatnam Airport;

(b) if so, the allocation made therefor; and